

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMINSSION

Date: April 5, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm Room: Conference Room #1

Roll Call:

Commission members in attendance:

Michael Fox, Michael Camillo, Kevin Chick, Stanley Marcinczyk, David Tatem, Barbara Wiley

Others present during meeting:

Shirley Adams and George Pappa of the Newington Clean Energy Task Force, Nancy C. Brault, Public Health Advisor and Robert Hillman, Assistant Highway Superintendent.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 1, 2010 meeting were not available. Michael Fox requested to suspend minutes during this meeting. A motion to approve: first by Kevin Chick and seconded by Stanley Marcinczyk. All were in favor.

Reports:

Robert Hillman reported on recycling and landfill activities. The brochures for single stream recycling have been sent to 11,164 homes in Newington which describes single stream recycling and includes a list of items which are acceptable for recycling. The plastic storage bins should be available in July for distribution. Hillman also noted that the landfill currently operates as a transfer station for most items, and when the land fill formally closes it will be permitted as a transfer station. May 1, 2010 is Hazardous Waste Day in Newington. Residences can bring their waste to the Town Garage that is off Fenn Road.

No reports were given for the Newington Balf Town Committee and Newington Emergency Planning Committee.

Stanley Marcinczyk reported on the open space initiative on Cedar Mountain. He stated that negotiations were in process, and that Cedarcrest Hospital is shutting down. The property is to be conveyed to the Town of Newington.

Shirley Adams reported that George Pappa, Mark Pappa and Kevin Chick are new members of the Newington Clean Energy Task Force. George Pappa is going to be the chairman. Sandra Austin Goldstein and Julie Butryman are no longer serving on the task force.

George Pappa discussed the energy industry as a whole and noted that the increased cost of energy is related to man made factors, manipulations related to the stock market and energy funds.

George Pappa advised that 4 million dollars is available from the State of Connecticut to be distributed to the towns as part of the Clean Energy Fund and that Newington received \$5,000 from this fund in the form of a grant. The grant will to be used to educate the public concerning energy conservation and other energy cost saving initiatives.

New Business:

There is no new business to discuss.

Old Business:

Michael Fox discussed the Earth Day program that solicits volunteers to help clean up Newington parks. The event will be held on Saturday April 17, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Volunteers should meet at the Town Hall.

David Tatem passed out an Earth Day announcement that will be forwarded to The Press and posted on the Town of Newington web site. The event will begin at the Town Hall where a tree planting is to take place. Thereafter, volunteers will be selected to clean up Church Hill Park and the falls at Mill Pond Park.

Shirley Adams advised that she knows of a yoga business in town which may be willing to participate in the event by offering a yoga class in the park.

Barbara Wiley stated that she is going to contact Julie Butryman and attempt to obtain high school volunteers to participate in the event.

Robert Hillman and Michael Fox advised that they were going to obtain clean up equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Highway Department for the event.

Adjourn:

Motion made to adjourn by Barbara Wiley and seconded by Kevin Chick.

Respectively Submitted,

Michael Fox
Chairman Environmental Quality Commission